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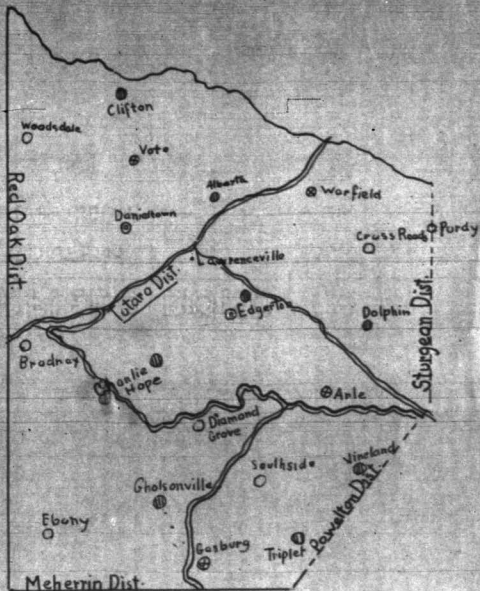
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- = H.D. Clubs
- ⊕ = 4-H "
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**OUR AIM**

Good results always follow honest,  
persistent, earnest, effort.

**OUR MOTTO**

Not how much but how well.

**CLUB FLOWER**

Wild Rose

**CLUB COLORS**

Old Rose and Silver

### CLUB OFFICERS

President.....Lennie Hagener  
Vice-president.....Jessie Tyrrel  
Sec. and Treas.....Cora Brown

### COMMITTEES

Home management Leader...Hildred Eymill  
Poole Leader.....Marie Porter  
Music Leader.....Olive Shultz  
Recreation Leader.....Florence Cameron  
Program of Work Committee.....  
Hildred Eymill, Marie Porter, Olive  
Shultz  
Welfare Committee.....Katie Huskie  
Willie Lang, Dora Cameron

### MEMBERS

Chloe Applegate  
Stella Brasias  
Anna Breuder  
Cora Brown  
Verna Devland  
Florence Cameron  
Dora Cameron  
Marion Harris  
Ida Hornsby  
Elsie Mackie  
Tillie Long  
Mayne Osborn  
Marie Porter  
Mildred Spill  
Lettie Scott  
Alice Scott  
Olive Shultz  
Jessie Tyrrel  
Hazel Vandra  
Vattie Vandra  
Lennie Wagner

**PROGRAM**

**February 1**

**Hostess...Josie Tyrrel, Tillie Long**

**Music**

**Roll Call...My handiest tool for cleaning**

**Business**

**Program...Dem. on Home-maker tools for  
cleaning.**

**Recreation...Reports on noted men and women.**

**March 1**

**Hostess...Mabel Vendra, Hattie Vendra**

**Music**

**Roll Call...How I make the most of my time.**

**Business**

**Program...Making the most of home-maker time.**

**Recreation...Stella Brecius, Mayne Osborn**



April 2

Hostess...Dora Cameron, Florence Cameron  
Music

Roll Call...My busiest day and how I planned  
it.

Business

Program...Personal Efficiency in Housework.  
Recreation...Anna Brewer, Harrison Harris

May 3

Hostess...Olive Schultz, Harrison Harris  
Music

Roll Call.....My hobby

Business

Program...Planning the leisure time of the  
family.

Recreation...Dora Cameron, Florence Cameron

June 4

Hostess...Lennie Waggoner, Alice Scott  
Music

Roll Call...Favorite recipe and sample of it.

Business

Program

Recreation...Cora Brown, Vera Norland

July 1 on Sunday Monday

Services... Mildred Ryall

Music

Hall Call... Short patriotic verse exposition.

Business

Program... Low Cost Homes

Deception... Alice Applegate, Lottie Scott

August 1

Services... Cora Brown

Music

Hall Call... Why I do or don't like my stove.

Business

Program... Foundation patterns by Jessie Tyrrel

Olive Skulte

Deception... Olive Skulte, Ida Hornsby

September

Services... Marie Porter, Anna Bruder

Music

Hall Call... Crazy character reading

Business

Program... Dry cleaning

Deception... Tillie Lang, Habel Vendra

October 4

Hostess....Elsie Kuskie

Music

Bell Call....Funny stories

Business

Program...Ann. on Tailored Finishing by  
Alice Applegate, Josie Tyrrel

Recreation...Lennie Waggoner, Elsie Kuskie

Nov. 1.

Hostess...Verna Berland, Ida Hornsby

Music

Bell Call...My worse fault

Business

Program...Book reviews, Mayme Osborn

Mildred Eguill

Recreation...Nattie Vondra, Alice Scott

December

Hostess.....Alice Applegate

Music

Bell Call...Christmas candy Recipes

Business

Program.....Clothes Closets

Recreation...Alice Applegate, Anna Brewster

January 3

Workshop....Rayne Osborn, Lottis Scott  
Music

Roll Call....Current Events  
Business

Program....Election of Officers

Recreation....Marie Parker, Jessie Tyrrel

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Parties

Dances

Picnic

Play...The Girl In The War Coat.

The Birthday Box

Please to attend the Passion Play at Bayard Hall

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1.

PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY.

Days in field.....	226½
Days in office.....	69½
Ind. letters.....	2390.
News articles.....	340.
Circular letters prepared.....	37.
Demonstrations given.....	321.
Meetings held.....	428.
Recreational evenings conducted.....	25.
Home visits.....	688.
Local leaders training meeting held.....	11.
Total attendance at all meetings.....	10978.
Office calls.....	716.
Phone calls (business).....	546.

IV.

STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION.

a.

1.

The Board of Supervisors and the School Board are both supporters of Extension Work in the County. The Board of Supervisors puts up part of the money for the work, and the School Board gives time in school hours for the agent to have meetings where necessary, and gives time from school for the Achievement Day exercises. The teachers help in every way possible. They give their time and they are constantly urging the club members on to do better work.

2.

The Advisory Board is composed of the presidents of each H. D. Club, and two outstanding women from each district in the County. There are five districts in Brunswick County, so this gives ten additional women outside of the clubs presidents. One of the women at large from each District is chosen by the Supervisor of that District, the other one is chosen by the other members of the Advisory Board, or she may be suggested by the County people themselves. The officers of the Board are elected every two years, and may succeed themselves only once. Each year the Board holds four meetings, the first in November to select the County Major for the coming year, and to discuss the Co-wide Campaign to be put on. The second one is in February, then May and the August meeting is always a Co-wide picnic for the whole adult population if they can be prevailed upon to attend in such body. The outstanding features of the picnic are the speakers in the afternoon, and the supper at six o'clock and after that the old square dances, with music furnished by the men of the County.

In November 1933 the Advisory Board met in the home of the Agent and made plans for the year 1934. Eight clubs were represented. First, the report of the agent's work was read and the number of homes in the county was told and the number of these homes that were being reached directly. We found that there was too small per cent

being reached, and plans were discussed for reaching more homes, and the homes of those who would not come to the meetings. The County Major was then decided upon, after such discussion. Good Housekeeping was chosen, and the six demonstrations chosen were; The Homemaker and her Job, Planning your Time, Pest Control, Spot Removal, House Cleaning, Keeping Pit. From the agent's report it was learned that there are 1796 white homes in the county, and about 38% of these were being reached. This year we have tried to reach many more than this and we estimate that directly and indirectly we have reached at least 1125 of these families, and we believe that we have influenced even more than that number through others with whom we have come in contact.

After considering the financial condition of the county, and thinking of how badly the people had allowed their premises to run down during the depression the Board changed the agent's plan of work and in place of the Kitchen Equipment-Campaign they chose Back Door Yard Improvement Campaign for the County.

b. 4-H CLUB COUNCIL.

In February 1934 a 4-H Club Council was organized. Before this time the Advisory Board and the agent had made the plan of work for the 4-H Club members. In February the Council made its own plan for 1934. The hold two meetings a year. Beginning this fall the first one will be in December and the second one in May. The November meeting will be devoted to training officers and making the year's plan of work, and the May meeting is devoted to arranging for Selection Day, Co-wide 4-H Club picnic, Achievement Day and checking up on the clubs to see if they are following the plan of work they made out in December. The Council has a membership of 90, the officers of the 15 clubs and the leaders.

There are 923 white girls of club age in Brunswick County and this year we have only had 191 enrolled. The enrollment this year is smaller than it was last year because the clubs were taken out of the schools, and that meant with the population (the white) being so scattered and so far apart that the parents are afraid to let the girls come to the meetings when they have to walk and walk so far through the woods, roads and alone. It is almost impossible to find as many as five or six families living close enough together to get a club so the children can come to the meetings. We have tried to get them in small groups, even as small as five and six, but it is hard to get that many in walking distance of each other. Another reason they give is that Saturday is the only day they can meet out of school, and that is the only day their mother has them to help her. While we have only 191 enrolled there are thirty other girls who should be in Jr. Homemakers clubs if they could be gotten together, but they are too scattered for that, but they attend the H. D. Clubs all of the time. They will not allow their names to be put on roll because they feel they are too young for the adult clubs and they cannot have a 4-H club. They are just as regular in their attendance, and use the suggestions gotten at the clubs so we feel that we are doing them just as much good as if they were enrolled.

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The Extension organization and the School Board work together in

all of their activities where their work touches. The Health Unit and the Relief Work in all of its phases work together and help each other in every way possible. The agent and the club members have helped in the C.W.A., the F.W.A., the Garden work and all of the relief organizations.

V. PROGRAM OF WORK.

Community	4-H Club Mem.	Meet's	H. D. Mem.	Meet's
Charlie Hope	11	12	35	12
Cross Roads	0	0	23	5
Clifton	16	13	30	14
Dolphin	14	11	18	14
Diamond Grove	0	0	9	12
Edgerton	16	11	26	13
Ebony	0	0	21	9
Gasburg	12	12	0	0
Gholsonville	9	11	18	11
Triplet	12	11	14	11
Southside	0	0	18	12
Vineland	12	12	20	12
Valentine	11	13	0	0
Pufdy	0	0	22	10
Ante	10	12	0	0
Warfield	12	10	0	0
Yets	14	13	0	0
Alberta	15	9	35	10
Brodmax	0	0	21	12
Wooddale	0	0	22	12
Danieltown Jr.				
Homemakers	17	12	0	0
Edgerton Jr.				
Homemakers	19	12	0	0
	<u>200</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>169</u>

2-Scope of work.

a. Enrollment for past three years:

Year	Women		Girls	
	No. Clubs	No. Members	No. Clubs	No. Members
1932	13	282	12	213
1933	14	302	13	289
1934	15	332	15	200

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WOMAN'S WORK

a. At the November meeting of the Advisory Board Good Housekeeping was chosen as a major for the county. We had had House Furnishing the year before, and the Board thought it best to have the planning of the home and time for the next year. The demonstrations chosen were the Homemaker and her Job, Planning the Work, House Cleaning, Pest Control, Spot Removal, and Keeping Fit. Of these demonstrations

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the House Cleaning and Keeping Fit were the most popular. Each club member was asked to try out the thoughts given at each meeting before the next meeting and report to the club what had been done. As a result 53 reported using the Spot Removal demonstration; 78 used cleaning suggestions; 26 made time budgets; 49 used the Work Plan; 56 used Keeping Fit.

Five of the marginal groups were not given the County Major, as we thought they needed food and nutrition more than they did these other demonstrations at this time. There are 84 women in these five groups. The other groups had an enrollment of 242.

#### THE CO-WIDE CAMPAIGN.

The Co-wide Campaign chosen by the Board was Back Door Yard Campaign. The agent suggested in her plan of work that we have a Kitchen Equipment Campaign, but the Board said that the yards in the county had been so neglected in the past few years that they were becoming a discredit to the county reputation, and they also thought that the people would feel that they could not put any money in equipment and would not take much interest in that campaign. The agent's idea was to keep expenses down as low as possible and still have better equipment, but the Board wanted the yard work so it was accepted. Score sheets were made out covering everything as near as possible that could be done in a yard and the yards scored. Circular letters were written each month suggesting things that were in season to be done that time, news articles were put in the County paper every few weeks to keep the idea fresh in the minds of the public, visits were made where possible and when help was called for, it was always ready. Thirty-seven women kept up the score sheets all year and returned them properly filled out in October. Many more started them but because they were not doing some outstanding work they dropped them later in the year. The sheets were sent to every club woman and to anyone else who wanted them. The letters were sent to everyone who had a sheet all through the year. The reports from the 37 women showed that they had whitewashed 11 buildings, painted 13, removed 15 unsightly buildings, remodeled 14 old ones, 6 new gates were built, and 5 repaired, 5 woodpiles moved from the door yard, 3 poultry houses moved from too near the house, 1 pig pen moved out of the yard, 6 sets of back steps built, 6 sets repaired, 5 rock gardens made, 6 yards reseeded, 9 graded, 5 made base plantings, 5 porches built, and 17 repaired, 14 porches screened, 4 fences painted and 2 removed, 2 gardens moved from side yard to back of house, and 4 unsightly buildings screened by plantings, 19 pieces of back yard furniture built, (swings, seats pergolas etc.) 3 wells moved to back porch, 17 bird houses and feed stations built, 6 porch boxes built and planted, 4 new fences built, 6 repaired, 76 evergreens planted, 87 shrubs and 50 roses (running and bush) 4 walks built. This is what the 37 who reported did and does not include anything that was done by those who did not return the score sheets.

#### MINOR PROJECTS.

Citizenship was chosen as a minor project by those clubs that had Good Housekeeping as a major. Each club had at least one outside speaker for these meetings and most of them had two meetings on the

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subject. Those clubs that had foods as a major had chair seating and rug making as their minor. They reported 106 chairs resealed, 47 stools bottomed and rebottomed, 51 rugs made and 25 hot dish mats made.

**FOODS.**

Food work was taken by the marginal groups and most of the other clubs had a meeting or two on some phase of foods, salads and sandwiches for school lunches etc. Eighty-four women had foods as their main subject and we had foods on the farm, how to use them in different ways to afford variety, and how to make them help in balancing the meals. We used the home made cereals for breakfast foods, the graham flours ground from home grown grains in the breads, different ways of using the home grown vegetables etc. Canning, of course, was the main interest during the summer months, and as winter comes on meat canning is becoming very popular. The two steam pressure cookers bought for the county have to be engaged weeks ahead to be able to get them at all. The marginal families are using them as well as the others. Thirty-two women entered the Hall canning contest, and 30 entered the Kerr contest. One in each contest won a place in the State canning contests. Fourteen thousand six hundred seventy one quarts of fruit were reported canned; thirteen thousand two hundred six three quarts of vegetables reported; thirty-six hundred forty-six quarts of pickle made; forty one hundred forty-four quarts of preserves, jelly etc. reported; thirty one hundred fifty-two quarts of meat reported; eight hundred thirty pounds of fruit dried; sixteen hundred seventy-four pounds of vegetables dried. The Meherrin H. D. Club offered a prize to the club putting up the most canned products by this October, so the clubs have worked on this all year, and when the final count came, it showed that the Meherrin Club got the prize herself, with nearly six thousand quarts of products on hand. Twenty new Steam Pressure cookers have been bought. All club members made a canning budget in the spring and went by them to some extent but not 100% perfect yet.

**HOUSE FURNISHING.**

House Furnishing is a carry-over from last year. This was our major last year and the women got interested, and some of them had their project started and not finished, and have worked on it through this year. Some phase of it is brought up at nearly meeting and discussed. As a result 95 families have reported improved selection in furniture and furnishings; 76 followed recommendations in remodeling and refashioning furniture; 55 improved window treatment; 59 improved furniture arrangement; 102 improved walls, woodwork and floors; and 49 improved color schemes of rooms.

**HOME, HEALTH, AND SANITATION.**

All of the clubs have worked with the Health Unit in an effort to get the county 100% immunized. Of course that goal has not been reached, but each club has done a great deal toward bringing this about, and the <sup>latter</sup> says (in the time that he has been in the work) there has never been a time when so many of the children have gone to the family Dr. to get treatment before school opened. The clubs would

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arrange with the family Dr. for a day when he could meet the children at some central point, and then they would notify all the mothers who had small children, that the Dr. would be there on this day and that they should take their children to him. If the mother had no way to get the children out, then some club member who had a car, or in many cases a horse and Hoover cart, would get the children and take them to the Dr. and take them home again. In the cases where the family did not have the small amount necessary to pay the Dr., the club paid for the shots too. The work in one case came so near being 100% that there was only one child to take treatment when school opened, out of an enrollment of between 200 and 300 pupils. Diphtheria, small pox, fever, and typhoid treatments were given. One of the marginal clubs got up a fever clinic and had more than 20 people immunized. This took two clinics to get them all out. The first lot had to take it and let the second lot see that it was not going to kill them before they would take the treatment or allow the children to take it, but, finally, even the most obstinate ones got it. In addition to the immunization work each club marginal too, has kept up its emergency loan chest, and has kept the baby layetts ready for needy families. The baby clothes are out and out gifts, but the bed linens etc. are loans.

#### HOME GARDENS.

The home garden is the chief source of the family food supply in the county, so among the women this is a subject of quite a lot of interest. The winter garden has not come in for its rights yet, but is gradually growing. There were 450 subsistence gardens in the county this year. They did not fall in my hands, yet a large per cent of the marginal groups were in the subsistence group too, so I got at them and helped them when needed. Each H. D. Club had one, two or three members appointed to help the Garden Director. Some of them gave her splendid help, some of them did very little. The Director in this County and in Greensville County were my very good club members, and had worked with me in every way they could to help me and the work. Most of the care of the gardens falls to the women of the county. The men, of course, do the plowing, but they are too much interested in tobacco and cotton to think about the gardens to any great extent.

#### POULTRY.

With the help of the Poultry Specialist we carried on four Poultry schools in the county with an average attendance of sixteen in each group. Over the county as a whole this spring, many of the families cut their poultry flocks away below what they had been carrying, and much to their disgust, poultry products have been in demand all summer and the prices have been higher for eggs, and for the young birds than they have been in years. There have been very few days this year that the farm woman could not get 25¢ a pound for young birds. There have been two Calendar Flocks carried throughout the year, and they have found that their flocks have paid them well, and they are very much pleased with the records they have kept.

#### HOME BEAUTIFICATION OF GROUNDS.

This subject is always interesting to the home owner. This year the County campaign was Back Door Yard Improvement and the results

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of that have already been given. As we hoped when we put this campaign on, the idea did not stop in the back yard, but spread on around the house into the front yard too. Eighty one families reported having put in new shrubbery, and reported planting 664 shrubs, 188 dog woods were planted fifty-two yards in addition to the shrubs planted in the back yards.

#### HOME MARKETS.

Our little market is so small that it hardly belongs to the Home Market class, but it is still helping the three women to keep the daughter in school, and to help buy clothes for the family, and to help supply the tables with things that must be bought. This little market averages to the three women who sell on it \$75.00 a month profit. The grocerymen here are so much in sympathy with it that one of the grocery stores gives the women one side of their store building to sell in. This side of the store is empty, but is right next door to the store. They say they are making money by the deal, because when they lend the place the women come right in their store and spend the money, a lot of it, before they leave town. In addition to the sales they make on the market, they have all made regular customers that take products from them in the week when the market is not open. They are open only from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. on Saturdays. This twelve hours' work clears them an average of \$25.00 per month each. Lawrenceville has only 823 white people and most of those either have a back door garden and chicken pen, or they have farms out in the county from which they get most of their produce they need.

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

We consider the work we have done in the immunizing the communities the most important community work we have done, though all of them have done other community work. Ebony club has almost paid off an old church debt that has hung on and on for years and years. They have painted the church inside and out besides. Alberta Club has put stage curtains in the school, and shades at the windows. She also held two clinics. Clifton had the school grounds graded, and the foundation pillars straightened and put shades at the windows, and painted inside of the school rooms. Southside, Gholsonville, Diamond Grove, Edgerton, Purdy and Woodsdale held canning days for the school lunches besides holding the clinics and taking the children in to them. Brodmax had financed the P. T. A. until it could get established and could take care of itself.

#### LEADERS TRAINING.

Five adult Leaders Training meetings have been held with an attendance of 63. There are 23 leaders for the adult clubs. Those leaders who attend the meetings say they get more out of them than anything they do and enjoy them, but the attendance falls below what we want it by far. Some of the leaders do fine work and are a great help to the agent. Last spring I had to miss a meeting, or thought that I did, and I asked the leader to take charge of it. At the last minute I found that I could go to the meeting and did. The leader asked me to take charge of the demonstration, but of course I did not

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so she went on with it as she had planned it. When that meeting was over that entire demonstration had been given by the club members and the leader had not done a thing. She had told the members taking part before hand that this one was to do this, and that one was to do this until all of that demonstration was gone through with, and the club enjoyed it and the leader had not done a bit of it. The demonstration was The Homemaker and her Job.

#### COUNTY MEETINGS.

On the fourth Friday of every August the Co-wide picnic for adults is held, and it is looked forward to from year to year. The program is set for 3:30 P.M. when songs, speeches and music are enjoyed. At six o'clock supper is served, and then the rest of the evening is spent in square dancing on the lawn. A platform is built out in the open and the men from the county play the string instruments to dance by. This August a storm came up and bothered the speakers and the supper, but the dancers got in their cars and waited until the storm was over, and then danced on the wet platform until eleven o'clock that night.

The County Achievement Day was held on October 24th., with Wooddale club as hostess. The attendance was 122 club members and visitors.

The Advisory Board put on an evening of one-act plays this spring with each club taking some part in the program. Where the clubs were close enough together two or three joined together and put on a play with a larger cast than they could have done alone.

#### RELIEF WORK.

The relief work has been carried on by the C. W. A., P. W. A., F. E. R. A., etc. The agent has worked with these heads and helped to make jobs, and helped to find as she thought suitable people to take the leading places in these jobs, and she has worked and advised with the Garden Director in everything that she has done when needed. Each H. D. Club had relief committees and when the relief workers wanted to call on them they were ready. They had in each club helpers appointed to help the Garden Director with her work. In addition to the organized relief work 43 relief garments were made by the club women, 240 were helped with their canning. I mean by that 240 were taught to can better or new methods. By the club women, 361 were given some food and clothing, (not kept up, but helped).

#### CLUB PROGRAM.

The club with the best rounded program for the year included in its program the six demonstrations in Good Housekeeping, two meetings on Citizenship, some Virginia History, Virginia Personalities, some Music and Art. The outside meeting work centered around the school improvement and the health of the community. They sponsored two clinics, they kept a patient in the T. B. hospital for a while after the county had kept him there as long as they could, and they kept a State traveling library in the community for public use all of the time.

## RECREATION.

Each H. D. Club has help from two to ten recreational evenings this year. I personally conducted twenty-five such evenings, and the leaders took charge of the others. The leaders and I would discuss the programs and decide on the type of games to use, then the leaders took charge of them themselves. Each club has a short time devoted to games or entertainment after the business session and the program.

## IV.

### GIRLS WORK.

In spite of the fact that the 4-H Club enrollment is much smaller this year than it was last, I feel that I have gotten better work from those I enrolled. When the clubs met in the schools there were big enrollments because many of them joined to get out of class and then didn't do anything in the club. This year only those who really were in earnest joined, and the percentage of attendance has been better and the summer attendance has been better than it has been in the past three years - the length of time I have been in the county.

### MAJOR PROJECT FOR GIRLS.

The girls of Brunswick having had two years of clothing work chose Food For Health as their major for 1934. Each club had one or two leaders. Those clubs with the leaders certainly showed how necessary a good leader is to a club, and at the Achievement Day exercises the girls noticed it themselves and got busy finding themselves better leaders. One club of eleven members had two good leaders and the teacher who took such an interest in them that in spite of the fact the club met Saturday afternoons and she usually went home week-ends she always stayed on club day and attended all meetings. She not only did this but she made it a part of their school work that the members should keep the books up and have everything in them that was supposed to be there. She took the program entirely in charge and saw to it that everyone had gotten up what she was expected to have at the meeting, and then went to the meeting to see how it went off. This club had an almost perfect attendance. Not a single member missed more than one meeting during the year. They had well kept books, attractively made, and won the prize for the best book in the county. One of the members took the prize on giving the best demonstration at Achievement Day. One got the county prize in the canning contest, one got the prize on the book. The club took the County Banner. They had the best song (original song) at Achievement Day exercises. They got their parents to help them and they put up 68 quarts of soup mixture to serve to the school this winter. Only half of the girls go to this school, but they all helped. This was the first club to make up its quota to the 4-H Club camp that we hope to build in the county this year. It has been a good club and it has been a pleasure to work with it. The best part of all is how the club members made their leader. We had been giving leaders' pins to the leaders who did

good work, and in 1933 this leader had not done much. She did not attend the training meetings and she did not attend the club meetings often, so when achievement day came around the pins were given to the other leaders and this leader did not get one. Some of the girls said, "That is not going to happen next year, we are going to see that our leader leads or get one that will", so they got busy working on the leader. This year she has only missed about one training meeting and only missed one club meeting, and that was due to a death in the community. She has conducted several of them when the agent had to miss, and was always busy helping when the agent was there.

#### 4-H MINOR.

All of the clubs did more and better canning this year than they did last year. Each club brought two cans of their product to a club meeting and learned how to judge it, and learned what to look for in good canning. At Achievement Day each girl brought one can of fruit and one can of vegetables, and had them on exhibition. Over 200 cans were brought and some splendid work was shown. Most of the girls help with the family canning, but not many of them do much alone, only what the club requires in most cases. They nearly all help with the family garden. I asked one little girl what she did in the garden and she said that she dropped all of the plants and seed and helped to cover them and set the tomato plants, and kept the weeds out of the rows and gathered all of the beetles. She said, "I have to gather the beetles every morning in the bean season".

#### COMMUNITY WORK.

The clubs chose as their community work planting flowers in the school yard and along the road side at home. Flower seeds and plants were given to them, and they planted beds around the base of the schools. One club of sixteen, when asked by the leader if they would plant five trees in the school yard said, "We will plant ten". She agreed to ten. They set a day to do the planting, and the boys were to get the trees. When they finished the planting, they had planted 23 trees in the yard and along the entrance drive. Strange to say, everyone of them lived.

#### CLUB PROGRAM.

The best program was put on by the Valentine Club, the one told about above. The one that has taken all of the prizes, and made the leader lead etc. They had in their program the required demonstrations. Each girl was to give at least one demonstration. They studied music appreciation, wild flowers and bird life. Each girl was required to learn at least three new club songs, and at each meeting half hour was devoted to games, folk songs and music was a special feature of their music appreciation. At Achievement Day they put on the Virginia Reel in colonial dress and danced it in the old colonial way.

#### LEADERS TRAINING MEETINGS.

We had six training meetings for the 4-H Club leaders. Two were given by the agent, two by the specialist and two by the District Agent and the Home Agent together.

## SHORT COURSES.

Seven girls went to Jamestown Camp, and two to Blacksburg Short Course. There was another girl ready to go to Jamestown, and started but had a break down and got in an hour after the bus had left. They were all delighted with the trip. One of the girls who went to Blacksburg was sent by the Advisory Board for having done the most outstanding work during the year. She was a girl 17 years old, and had built up her club and pushed it through in spite of opposition at home and in the community. She was determined to have that club and she had a good one. She must have felt she was going to need what she was getting from the club - she has since married.

## COUNTY MEETINGS.

In September the Co-wide 4-H Club picnic was held. The first day it poured all day but about 43 people came anyway. We went out there thinking that maybe two or three might come and not know what to do, but when they kept pouring in, mothers, and fathers as well as club children. I didn't know what to do with them. We took them over the barns and dairy of the McGee place, and showed them what really good equipment meant to a farm, and then sent them home. Two weeks later, we tried again to have a picnic. This day was beautiful, but was in the cotton picking season, so we had about 50 people that time, but very few of the first group.

Selection Day was held in July with a program of demonstrations, judging, and Dress Parade. Achievement Day was held in October with an attendance of 187. The clubs put on the entire program, which consisted of club reports, original songs, folk songs, plays and folk dances. As the club members came into the Picture House (where the exercises were held) they gave the door keeper their record books they had kept through the year, and two cans of products they had canned. One of the points in the County Plan of work for the year had been that we were to learn some folk songs and plays. So as a feature on the Achievement Day program, five of these clubs put on Folk Songs and Dances. One club of 11 members gave the Virginia Reel. They were dressed in colonial costumes, and danced the Reel in colonial style. This was the most attractive feature of the program.

## OLDER GIRLS.

There are only two groups of older girls in the county this year. When the clubs were taken out of the schools this did away with two of these groups. The High School groups were doing the Junior work, and when they could not get together at school they lived so far apart that they could not even get groups of six or seven together, so they could meet out of school. One group of eight all went to college except two, and that broke up that group.

These two groups that we have now are so entirely different that it is hard to say which is the best group. One group is made up of girls who have had things comfortable all of their lives and have had school advantages, comfortable living conditions, not wealthy, but comfortable. They are a fine bunch of girls. The

other group is equally fine and do good work, but they are just off of the marginal side. They have every kind of work to do at home from grading tobacco to doing the cooking, and sewing for the home. They all do these things and expect to always do it.

#### RECREATION.

At each club meeting some time is devoted to games and the girls are appointed at the time the programs are made out to take a time at conducting the games. The agent advises with her and helps when needed. Then each club has had at least one picnic when they invited their friends and did outdoor cooking. Usually wieners and roasted eggs or something like that. Several of the clubs entertained other clubs at an evening of games.

Each club has had a special program for their mothers and friends. They have not been well attended at all, but the girls took a lot of interest in getting them up and preparing refreshments and having everything attractive for them. One group had an afternoon entertainment for their mothers and gave flower slips to each mother that came as a favor. They had a program of demonstrations, club songs and a one act play, and some other short features.

In going over the reports of the things accomplished this year, I find that the women and girls have done more in many cases than I thought they had, still I have not gotten done what I should have liked to have done. I don't suppose one ever gets all they hope for. There is so much that could be done if we could get the people aroused to the need and the desire to help. One of my aims this year has been to get the parents to take more interest in the girls' work. I have talked to them about it, and the girls have put on these entertainments for them. We have invited them to the Achievement Day and Selection Day exercises, but we have not stirred them one iota. I feel that until the mothers and fathers take more active interest, it is going to be almost impossible to get the girls' work to be to them what it could be. I asked a father one day why didn't he take more interest in what his daughter was trying to do, and come to the programs she had arranged for him, and he looked so funny, and finally he said, "Well, now you will just have to wait until I can think why I haven't been. I just never thought anything about it." Until I can change that attitude, I will not be satisfied with what has been done.



## PROGRAM OF WORK

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1934

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.  
GENELLA MOORE, CO. H. D. AGENT

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</u>
<b>1. COUNTYWIDE ACTIVITIES:</b>	
1- Reach more women non-club members.....	yes
2- Increase H. D. Club enrollment.....	yes
3- Increase 4-H Club enrollment.....	no
4- Have leaders feel responsibility more keenly and attend training meetings better.....	Some Improvement
5- Have Advisory Board members more alive to their responsibility, and attend the Board meetings better.....	Some Improvement
6- Have better summer 4-H Club attendance...	yes
7- Have better winter gardens.....	
8- Have three Poultry schools in county.....	yes
9- Meet more unorganized groups of women....	yes
10- Have more and better canning with 4-H Club members.....	yes
11- Have 4-H Achievement Day.....	yes
12- Have H. D. Achievement Day.....	yes
13- Have Back Yard Improvement Campaign.....	yes
14- Get more mothers to attend 4-H Achievement Day exercises.....	no
15- Have six girls attend Jamestown Camp.....	7
16- Have three demonstrators in Virginia Calendar Poultry Flock Project.....	2
17- Assist with Co. Relief and Welfare work..	yes
18- Reach goals of Va. Homemakers Assn. "Yard and Roadside Beautification".....	Did Work

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COMMUNITY	MAJOR	MINOR	NUMBER
Woodsdale	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	22
Diamond Grove	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	14
Clifton	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	32
Alberta	Good Housekeeping	Citizenship & Community Work	32
Gholsonville	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	18
Dolphin	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	18
Ebeay	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	16
Brodmax	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	18
Furdy	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	33
Maherria	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	22
Edgerton	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	22
Southside	Good Housekeeping	Gardens Citizenship	20
Triplet	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	13
Vimeland	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	18
Cross Roads	Good Housekeeping	Gardens & Foods	22

11. (b) COMMUNITY HOME DEMONSTRATION GOALS AND ACTIVITIES.

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|---|-----|
| 1- Be represented in all contests open to Club Women.     | yes |
| 2- Sponsor Community Recreation.                          | yes |
| 3- Each Club have Recreation Leader.                      | yes |
| 4- Each club have Poultry and Garden Leaders.             | yes |
| 5- Each club represented at H. D. Achievement Day.        | no  |
| 6- Each club be represented at leaders training meetings. | no  |
| 7- Each club be represented at Advisory Board meeting.    | no  |
| 8- Each club have some community project.                 | yes |
| 9- Each club make Emergency Loan chest.                   | yes |
| 10- Each club enlarge club enrollment.                    | no  |
| 11- Each club work on 100% attendance.                    | yes |

## PROJECT WORK (cont.)

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III. - PROJECT WORK      4-H CLUB WORK

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
Edgerton	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	12
Warfield	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	14
Clifton	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	13
Alberta	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	13
Gasburg	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	11
Charlie Hope	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	8
Triplet	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	11
Ante	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	10
Vineland	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	11
Valentine	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	11
Gholsonville	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	8
Dolphin	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	12
Vote	Foods For Health	Gardens & Canning	14
Edgerton Jr. Homemakers	Home Improvement	Community Improvement	14
Danielstown Jr. Homemakers	Home Improvement	Community Improvement	15

4-H CLUB GOALS.

Each club work towards being a Standard Club.	Not
Each club entertain mothers at least once.	100%
Each club have Club Picnic.	yes
Each club enter all contests for which eligible.	yes
Each club work for 100% completion of projects.	yes
Each club try to increase enrollment.	Not accomplished
Each club do some community work.	yes
Each club have Club song.	no
Each club have officers attend Council meetings.	no
Have at least one leader attend Council meetings each time.	no

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PROGRAM OF WORK

1935

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.  
GENELLA HOGNER,  
CO. HOME DEM. AGENT.

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COUNTYSIDE ACTIVITIES.

- 1- Reach more women non-club members
- 2- Increase H. D. Club enrollment.
- 3- Create more interest in leaders.
- 4- Increase interest in Advisory Board members.
- 5- Increase 4-H Club enrollment enrollment.
- 6- Have better summer attendance in 4-H clubs.
- 7- Have more winter gardens.
- 8- Have better poultry work with women.
- 9- Have 4-H Achievement Day.
- 10- Have H. D. Achievement Day.
- 11- Have water in Kitchen Campaign.
- 12- Get more sanitary toilets established.
- 13- Get interest of mothers in 4-H work.
- 14- Have County 4-H Camp by end of year.
- 15- Have an All Star Girl.
- 16- Have representative at Blacksburg (Federation of H. D. Clubs)
- 17- Have better programs in both H. D. and 4-H clubs.
- 18- Every Club contribute to the 4-H Camp.
- 19- Each club have member attend Co. Camp.

## ADULT GOALS.

PROJECT WORK

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Woodedale	Kitchen Improvement		
Diamond Grove	Kitchen Improvement		
Clifton	Kitchen Improvement		
Alberta	Kitchen Improvement		
Sheltonville	Kitchen Improvement		
Dolphin	Kitchen Improvement		
Hoony	Kitchen Improvement		
Brodmax	Kitchen Improvement		
Furdy	Kitchen Improvement		
Moherrin	Kitchen Improvement		
Higerton	Kitchen Improvement		
Southside	Kitchen Improvement		
Triplet	Kitchen Improvement		
Vineland	Kitchen Improvement		
Green Roads	Kitchen Improvement		

11.(b) COMMUNITY HOME DEMONSTRATION GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

- 1- Be represented in all contests open to club women.
- 2- Sponsor community recreation.
- 3- Each club have recreation leader.
- 4- Each club be represented at Co. Federation.
- 5- Each club represented at leaders meetings.
- 6- Each club represented at Advisory Board meetings.
- 7- Each club enlarge club enrollment.
- 8- Each club have active Campaign leaders and Better Toilet chairman.
- 9- Club members take more active interest in 4-H club work.
- 10- Each club have report in paper every month.

4-H CLUB WORK.

III.-PROJECT WORK.

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Wigerton	Breakfast, Dinner & Supper.		
Warfield	"		
Clifton	"		
Alberta	"		
Gesburg	"		
Charlie Hope	"		
Triplet	"		
Ante	"		
Vineland	"		
Valentine	"		
Sheltonville	"		
Dolphin	"		
Vote	"		
Wigerton Jr. Homemakers	Home Improvement		
Demicktown Jr. Homemakers	Home Improvement		

4-H CLUB GOALS.

- 1- Each club work toward being a Standard Club.
- 2- Each club contribute towards Club Camp.
- 3- Each club have picnic.
- 4- Each club be represented at Co. Camp.
- 5- Each club enter canning contests.
- 6- Each club represented at Selection Day.
- 7- Have more 4-H groups in county.
- 8- Each club represented at all Council meetings.
- 9- Each club have report in paper every month.
- 10- Have at least one leader at each Council meeting.

# Home Demonstration Club

## News

MISS GENELLA McGREE, Agent

### Suggestions for September.

1—September is a month of activities for the poultry raisers.

2—Hens to be cleaned, disinfected and put into condition for the coming winter months. Necessary repairs to be made and sufficient feed hoppers supplied.

3—Hens to be strictly culled and disposed of by selling or culling. Canned chicken is delicious and a good thing to have on hand for unexpected company.

4—Pullets to be put into permanent quarters. If there have been signs of worms in the pullet flock, this is a good time to give each pullet a worm capsule—one catching serving two purposes.

5—The outlook for better egg prices this fall is good. Therefore, mash feeding of pullets should continue and the hens should be well fed; moulting time is a strain on the hens. A good balanced ration and plenty of it is a help.

6—A brick brooder is inexpensive, both in construction and fuel burning. If interested, ask your home demonstration agent for the brick brooder bulletin and build now so as to be ready for very early spring chicks.

### Suggestions for June

1 Give the hen-house, brooder house and brood coops a thorough cleaning. Keep one jump ahead of lice and mites.

2 An inexpensive spray to use in the hen-house is old crank-case oil drained from the automobile, and thinned with kerosene. Any garage will give you all you need.

3 See that the hens and chicks have a good dusting bath or place in the run. A good moulting with mud dirt is nature's way of ridding the hens of lice.

4 Disease prevention is worth more than all the cures. Keep the houses and runs clean. Sanitation is the best weapon against disease.

5 Keep the hawks away from the chicks. Small mirrors from the 5 and 10 cent store placed on tall poles catch the rays of the sun and the flashing of this bright light often scares the hawk away.

Do not economize by cutting down on the growing mash. This would mean delayed maturity of the pullets which, of course, means later laying.

### Cure For Sick Chickens.

The agent is constantly getting calls this time of the year in regard to sick chickens. Here are a few points that all might profit by. If your birds are losing weight, and are getting droopy and eyes are getting dull, and possibly the birds are getting lame, you may be very sure that worms are in your flock, either round worms or tape worms or maybe both. As soon as you begin to notice any of these symptoms it is time to begin to treat your bird, before they get so badly infested that they are endangering the whole flock. The treatment is very simple if used in time.

If it is round worms that are hurting them, Black Leaf 40 or tobacco dust is good. Give one ounce of Black Leaf 40 to every 100 hens. Before mixing the Black Leaf 40 with the mash mix 1-2 pound of talls into the wet mash and feed in long trough so all of the birds can get enough to help them. 1 ounce of Black Leaf 40 and 1-2 pound of talls to each 100 birds. If tobacco dust is used it should contain 11-2 per cent nicotine and should be given at the rate of two pounds of dust to 100 pounds of mash. Be sure it is mixed well, and do not mix more than a week's supply at a time. This should be given over a period of three weeks.

If tapeworms is your trouble, then dissolve thymol in water and mix up a mash and feed the flock. 1 grain of Thymol to each bird. This is for individual bird treatment. For flock treatment for both tape and round worms: For every 100 birds dissolve 100 grains of Thymol and 1-2 pound of talls in water. Add one ounce of Black Leaf 40 to this mixture, then make up a wet mash and feed it to them in a long trough so all of the birds can get to it at one time.

N. K. Tablets are also good for both kinds of worms and can be used for individual treatment very easily, but for large flocks this is rather tedious work as each bird must be caught and a tablet put down her throat. After either of these treatments the droppings should be well cleaned up and buried so that the eggs will be destroyed and not left to infect the birds.



Achievement Day Crowd



4-H Club Leaders.